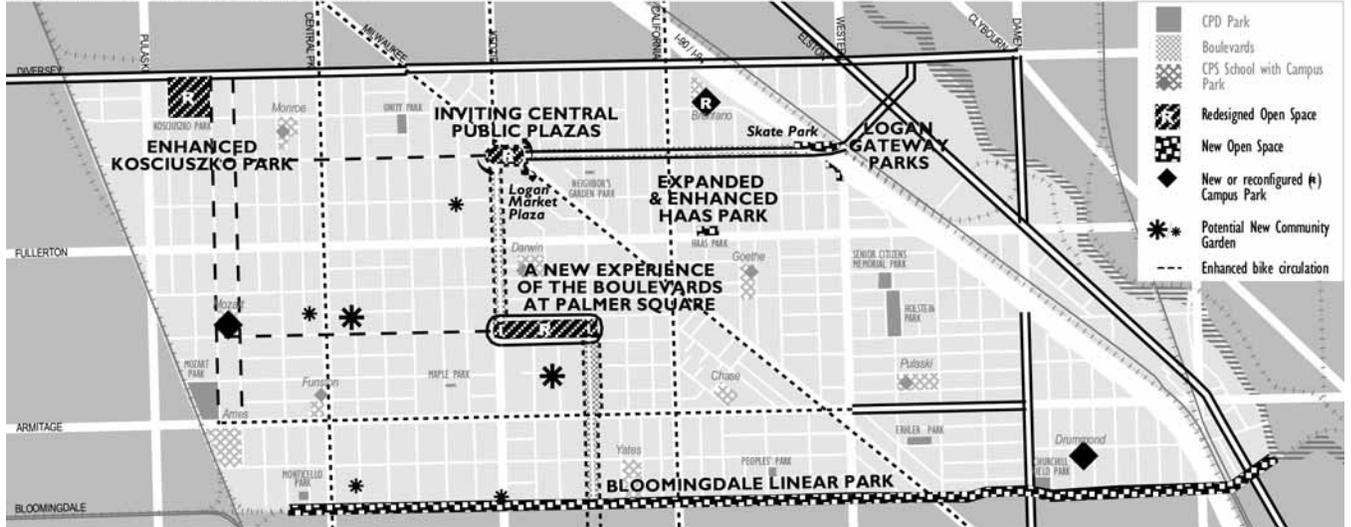


Key Recommendations

Fig. 14 - KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



Recommendations:	New Open Spaces Acres
1. New Campus Parks <i>Mozart Elementary School</i> <i>Drummond Elementary School</i>	TBD — —
2. Improve and Expand Palmer Square	0.5
3. New Logan Gateway Parks <i>Artesian & Western Park</i> <i>Skate Park (Logan & Expressway)</i>	1.6 0.75 0.85
4. New Bloomingtondale Linear Park	12.4
5. New Safe Pedestrian & Bicycle Connections	—
6. Redesign Logan Square	TBD
7. New Market Plaza	0.4
8. New Community-Managed Open Space <i>2214-2220 N. Drake Ave./3545 W. Lindale</i> <i>3041 W. Dickens Ave.</i>	0.26 0.14 0.12
9. Improve Kosciuszko Park	—
10. Improve and Expand Haas Park	0.22
11. Reconfigure Brentano Campus Park	TBD
TOTAL:	15.38

1. Create New Campus Parks

At least two additional schools in Logan Square could be included in the Campus Park program: Mozart Elementary School, 2200 N. Hamlin Avenue; and Drummond Elementary School, 1845 W. Cortland Avenue. The conversion of the school's asphalt grounds to grass and play areas with other natural surfaces would provide neighboring residents with a new form of nearby open space, provide a healthier environment for students, and help mitigate artificial temperature increases caused by heated asphalt during warm weather.

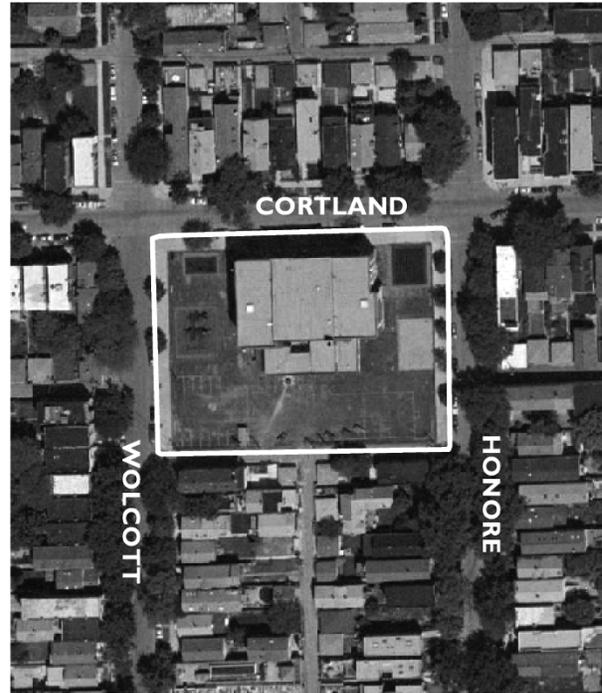
POTENTIAL NEW OPEN SPACE—the amount of open space to be provided will be determined through a community design process for the campus park

Existing Conditions

Mozart Elementary School



Drummond Elementary School



2. Improve and Expand Palmer Square

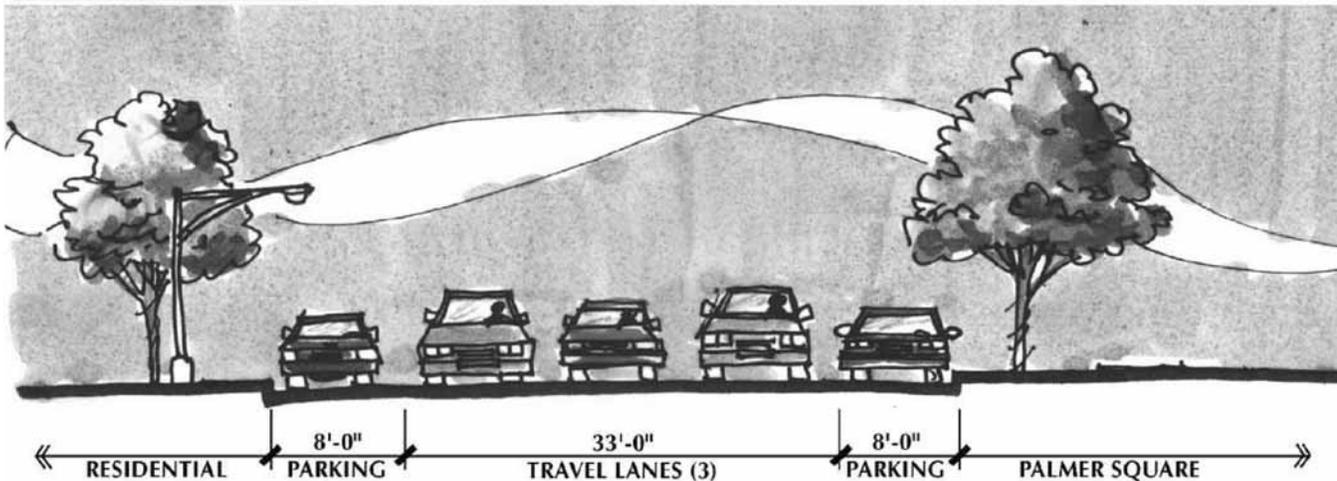
More usable space at Palmer Square could be created through parking redesign and the reduction of adjacent east-west streets from three lanes to two. Green space on the existing site could be activated with a new playground and hard and soft trail systems. The semi-circle areas east of Humboldt Boulevard could be reconfigured to improve the parking for nearby institutions and west of Kedzie Boulevard to create a potential dog friendly area.

POTENTIAL NEW OPEN SPACE—.5 acres through lane reduction

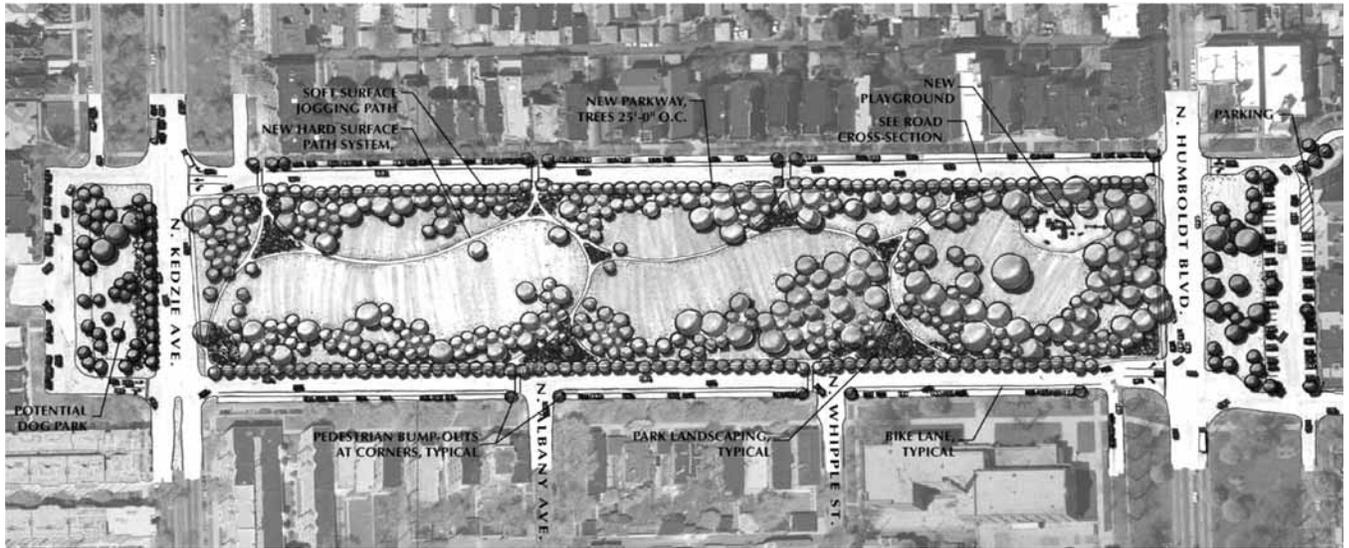
Existing Conditions



Existing Cross-Section



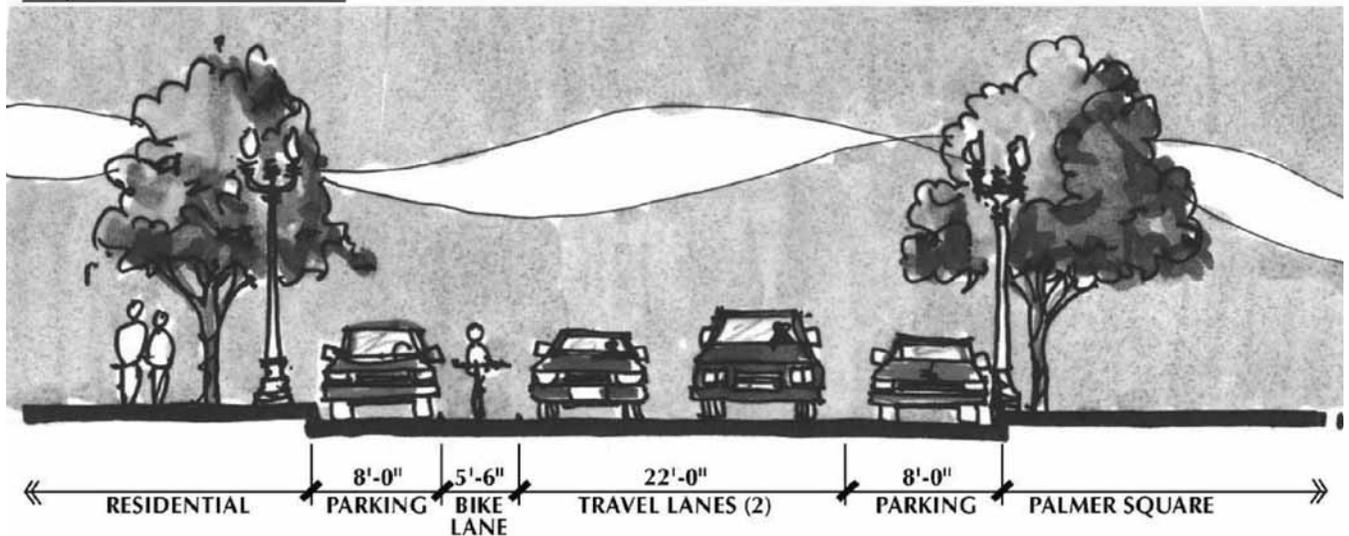
Examples of New Design



Next Steps

- Study parking and traffic patterns and make recommendations regarding potential expansion. Increased pedestrian activity at Palmer Square will require safe passage for pedestrians so careful consideration should be given to mid-block crossings. A 24 hour vehicle count should be taken to ensure that two lanes can handle the traffic. If feasible design and construction costs could be added to CDOT's capital program.
- Explore ownership transfer of the site to CPD for maintenance and management as parkland.

Proposed Cross-Section



3. Create New Logan Gateway Parks

Vacant land at Artesian Avenue and Logan Boulevard could be converted to park space. The improved location could serve as a gateway to Logan Boulevard, with improved landscaping east and west of the underpass and possibly a skate park below the highway. The vacant land south of Logan Boulevard between Artesian and Western could be developed with community gardens, an orchard and space for dogs.

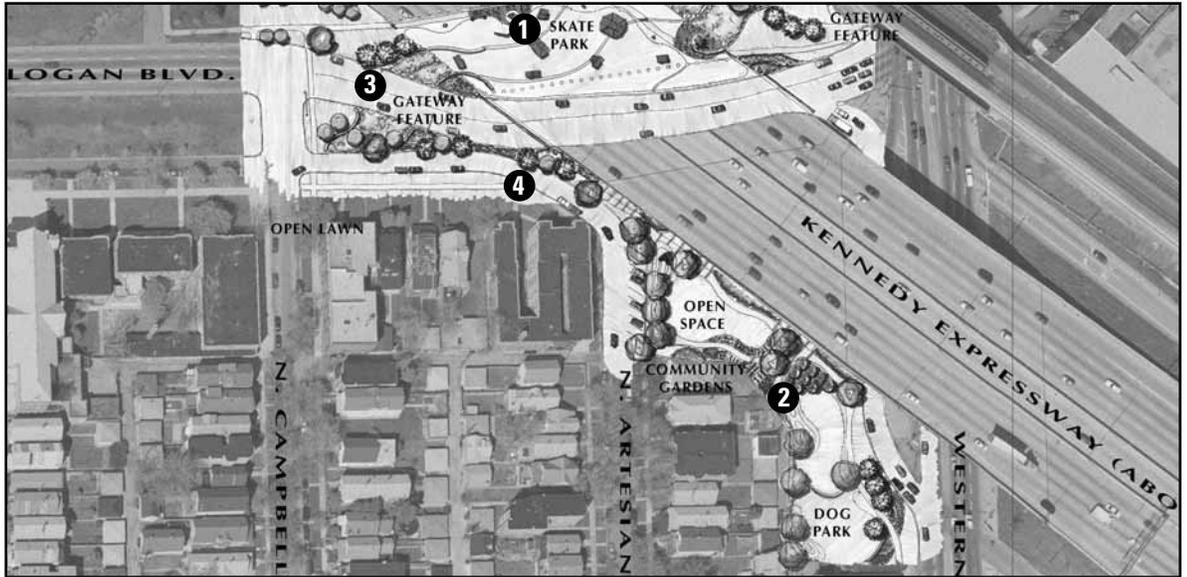
POTENTIAL NEW OPEN SPACE—1.6 acres

Existing Conditions

LOGAN GATEWAY PARKS



Examples of New Design

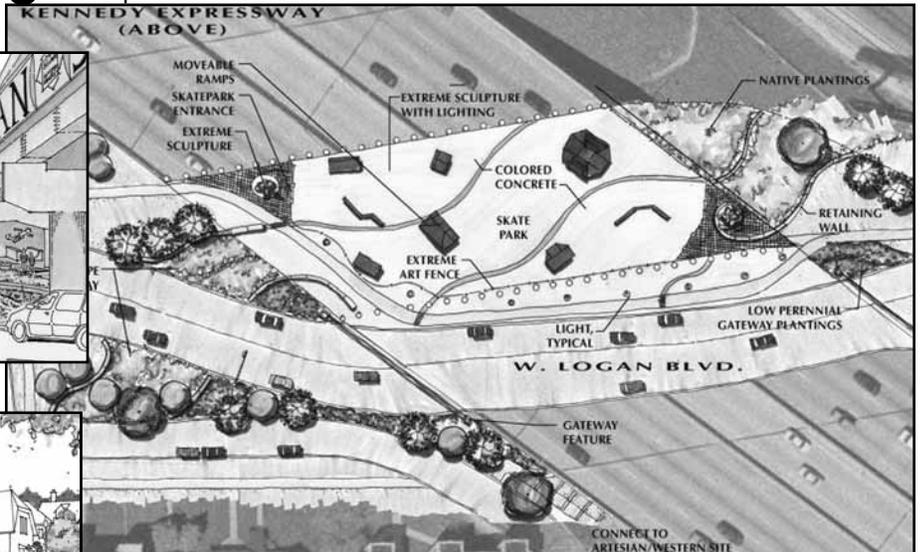
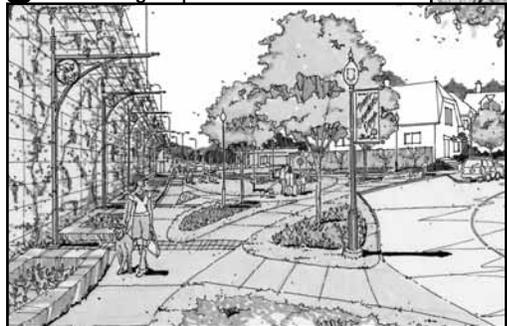


1 Close up of the Skate Park

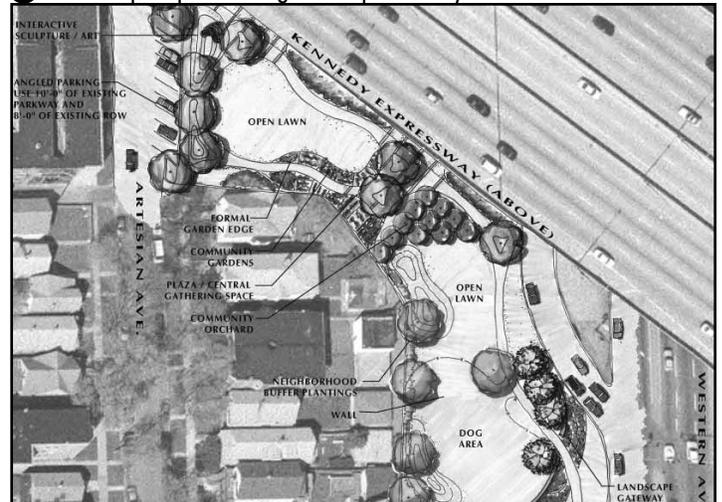
3 Rendering of the Gateway feature



4 Rendering of park's north entrance



2 Close up of park along the Expressway



Next Steps

- Explore ownership transfer to CPD from the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- Identify funding for construction.
- Work with local residents on park design.
- CDOT to review plans to ensure sight distances for drivers are checked and there is safe pedestrian access.